



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

the Application of:

CHASTEEN ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/757,362

Filed: January 8, 2001

Atty. File No.: 1604-373

For: "SMALL OPENING BEVERAGE
END CLOSURE ADAPTED FOR
FRICTIONAL ENGAGEMENT
WITH A STRAW"

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Examiner:

This Amendment and Response is responsive to an Office Action Summary having a mailing date of 10/22/03. Since this Response is filed one month after the statutory 3 month deadline of 1/22/04, a Petition for a 1 month extension of time is attached herein, along with the statutory fee of \$110.00. Although no additional fees are believed due, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Acct. No. 19-1970.

Please amend the application as follows:

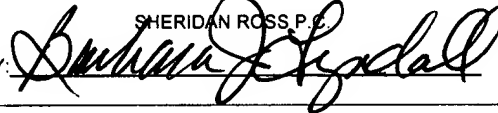
) Group Art Unit: 3727

) Examiner: Robin A. Hylton

) AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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